

GEORGE CHARTER,

Granted by King GEORGE the SECOND,

In the Fifth Year of his Reign.

GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. to all to whom these presents shall come, greetings. Whereas we are credibly informed, that many of Our poor subjects are, through misfortunes, and want of employments, reduced to great necessities, insomuch as by their labour they are not able to provide a maintenance for themselves and families; and if they had means to defray the charge of passage, and their expences incident to new settlements, they would be glad to be settled in any of Our provinces in America, where, by cultivating the lands at present waste and desolate, they might not only gain a comfortable subsistence for themselves and families, but also strengthen Our Colonies, and increase the trade, navigation and wealth of these Our realms; And whereas Our provinces in North America have been frequently ravaged by Indian enemies, more especially that of South Carolina, which in the late war, by the neighbouring savages, was laid waste with fire and sword, and great numbers of the English inhabitants miserably massacred; and Our loving subjects, who now inhabit there, by reason of the smallness of their numbers, will, in case of any new war, be exposed to the like calamities, insomuch as their whole Southern frontier continueth unsettled, and lieth open to the said savages: And whereas We think it highly becoming Our Crown and Royal Dignity, to protect all Our loving subjects, be they never so distant from Us, to extend Our fatherly compassion even to the meanest and most unfortunate of Our people, and to relieve the wants of Our above-mentioned poor subjects, and that it will be highly conducive for accomplishing those ends, that a regular Colony of the said poor people be settled and established in the Southern frontiers of Carolina: And whereas We have been well assured, that if We would be most graciously pleased to erect and settle a Corporation for the receiving, managing and disposing of the contributions of Our loving subjects, divers persons would be induced to contribute to the uses and purposes aforesaid: Know ye therefore, that We have, for the considerations aforesaid, and for the better and more orderly carrying on the said good purposes, of Our special grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion, willed, ordained, constituted and appointed, and by these presents, for Us, Our heirs

and successors, do will, ordain, constitute, declare and grant, That Our right trusty and well-beloved John Lord Viscount Percival of Our kingdom of Ireland, Our trusty and well-beloved Edward Digby, George Carpenter, James Oglethorpe, George Heathcote, Thomas Tower, Robert More, Robert Hucks, Roger Holland, William Sloper, Francis Eyles, John Laroche, James Vernon, William Belicha, Esquires; Stephen Hales, Master of Arts, John Burton, Bachelor of Divinity, Richard Bundy, Master of Arts, Arthur Badford, Master of Arts, Samuel Smith, Master of Arts, Adam Anderson, and Thomas Coram, Gentlemen, and such other person as shall be elected in the manner hereafter mentioned, and their successors, to be elected in manner as herein after is directed, be; and shall be One Body Politick and Corporate, in deed, and in name, by the name of the Trustees for establishing the Colony of Georgia in America; and them and their successors, by the same name, We do by these presents, for Us, Our heirs and successors, really and fully make, ordain, constitute and declare to be One Body Politick and Corporate, in deed, and in name, for ever; and that by the same name, they, and their successors, shall and may have perpetual succession; and that they, and their successors, by that name, shall and may for ever hereafter be persons able and capable in the law to purchase, have, take, receive and enjoy to them, and their successors, any manors, messuages, lands, tenements, rents, advowsons, liberties, privileges, jurisdictions, franchises, and other hereditaments whatsoever, lying and being in part of Great Britain, of whatsoever nature, kind and quality they be, in fee and in perpetuity, not exceeding the yearly value of one thousand pounds beyond reprises, also estates for lives and for years, and all other manner of goods, chattles, and things whatsoever, of what name, nature, quality or value soever they be, for the better settling, supporting and maintaining the said Colony, and other uses aforesaid; and to give, grant, let and demise the said manors, messuages, lands, tenements, hereditaments, goods, chattles, and things whatsoever aforesaid, by lease or leases for term of years, in possession at the time of granting thereof, and not in reversion, not exceeding the term of one-and-thirty years from the time of granting thereof, on which, in case no fine be taken, shall be reserved the full value, and in case a fine be taken shall

shall be reserved at least a moiety of the full value, that the same shall reasonably and *bona fide* be worth at the time of such demise; and that they, and their successors, by the name aforesaid, shall and may for ever hereafter be persons able and capable in the law to purchase, have, take, receive and enjoy, to them and their successors, any lands, territories, possessions, tenements, jurisdictions, franchises, and other hereditaments whatsoever, lying and being in America, of what quantity, quality or value soever they be, for the better settling, supporting and maintaining the said Colony; and that by the name aforesaid, they shall and may be able to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, defend and be defended in all Courts and places whatsoever, and before whatsoever Judges, Justices or other Officers, of Us, Our heirs and successors, in all and singular actions, plaints, pleas, matters, suits and demands, of what kind, nature or quality soever they be; and to act and do all other matters and things in as ample manner and form, as any other Our liege subjects of this Our realm of Great Britain; and that they, and their successors, for ever hereafter, shall and may have a Common Seal, to serve for the causes and business of them and their successors; and that it shall and may be lawful for them, and their successors, to change, break, alter, and make new the said Seal from time to time, and at their pleasure, as they shall think best. And we do further grant for Us, Our heirs and successors, that the said Corporation, and the Common Council of the said Corporation herein after by Us appointed, may from time to time, and at all times, meet about their affairs, when and where they please, and transact and carry on the business of the said Corporation. And for the better execution of the purposes aforesaid, We do by these presents, for Us, Our heirs and successors, give and grant to the said Corporation, and their successors, that they, and their successors, for ever may, upon the third Thursday in the month of March yearly, meet at some convenient place, to be appointed by the said Corporation, or the major part of them who shall be present at any meeting of the said Corporation to be had for the appointing of the said place; and that they, or two-thirds of such of them that shall be present, shall at such yearly meeting, and at no other meeting of the said Corporation, between the hours of ten in the morning and four in the afternoon of the same day, chuse and elect such person or persons to be Members of the said Corporation, as they shall think beneficial to the good designs of the said Corporation. And Our further Will and Pleasure is, That if it shall happen that any of the persons herein after by Us appointed as the Common-council of the said Corporation, or any other persons to be elected and admitted Members of the said Common-council in the manner herein after directed, shall die, or shall by writing under his and their hands respectively, resign his or their office or offices of Common-council-man or Common-council-men, the said Corporation, or the major part of such of them, as shall be present, and may at such meeting on the said third Thursday in March yearly, in manner as aforesaid, next after such death or resignation, and

at no other meeting of the said Corporation, elect and chuse one or more person or persons, being Members of the said Corporation, into the room or place of such person or persons which shall be so dead or so resigning, as to them shall seem meet. And Our Will and Pleasure is, That all and every the person or persons which shall from time to time hereafter be elected Common-council-men of the said Corporation as aforesaid, do and shall, before he or they act as Common-council-men of the said Corporation, take an oath for the faithful and due execution of their office; which oath the president of the said Corporation, for the time being, is hereby authorized and required to administer to such person or persons so elected as aforesaid. And Our Will and Pleasure is, that the first President of the said Corporation shall be Our trusty and well-beloved the said John Lord Viscount Percival, and that the said President shall within thirty-days after the passing of this Charter, cause summons to be issued to the several members of the said Corporation herein particularly named, to meet at such time and place as he should appoint, to consult about and transact the business of the said Corporation. And Our Will and Pleasure is, and We do by these presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, grant, ordain and direct, that the Common-council of the said Corporation shall consist of fifteen in number: And We do by these presents nominate, constitute and appoint Our right trusty and well-beloved John Lord Viscount Percival, Our trusty and well-beloved Edward Digby, George Carpenter, James Oglethorpe, George Heathcote, Thomas Tower, Robert More, Robert Hucks, Rogers Holland, William Sloper, Francis Eyles, John Laroche, James Vernon, William Belitha, Esquires, and Stephen Hales, Master of Arts, to be the Common-council of the said Corporation, to continue in their said offices during their good behaviour. And whereas it is Our royal intention, that the Members of the said corporation shall be increased by election as soon as conveniently may be, to a greater number than is hereby nominated, Our further Will and Pleasure is, and We do hereby for Us, Our heirs and successors, ordain and direct, that from the time of such increase of the Members of the said Corporation, the number of the said Common council shall be increased to twenty-four. And that at the same Assembly at which such additional Members of the said Corporation shall be chosen, there shall likewise be elected in the manner herein before directed for the election of Common Councilmen, nine persons to be of the said Common-council, and to make up the number thereof twenty-four. And our further Will and Pleasure is, that Our trusty and well-beloved the said Edward Digby, Esquire, shall be the first Chairman of the Common-council of the said Corporation; and that the said Lord Viscount Percival shall be and continue President of the said Corporation; that the said Edward Digby shall be and continue Chairman of the Common-council of the said Corporation respectively, until the meeting which shall be had next and immediately after the first meeting of the said Corporation, or of the Common-council of the said Corporation respectively and no longer; at which said

second meeting, and at every other subsequent and future meeting of the said Corporation or of the Common-council of the said Corporation respectively, in order to preserve an indifferent rotation of the several offices of President of the Corporation, and of Chairman of the Common-council of the said Corporation, We do direct and ordain, that all and every the person or persons, Members of the said Common-council for the time being, and no others, being present at such meetings, shall severally, and respectively, in their turns, preside at the meetings which shall from time to time be had and held, of the said Corporation, or of the Common-council of the said Corporation respectively: And in case any doubt or question shall at any time arise, touching or concerning the turn or right of any Member of the said Common-council, to preside at any Meeting of the said Corporation, or of the Common-council of the said Corporation, the same shall be respectively determined by the major part of the said Corporation, or of the Common-council of the said Corporation respectively, who shall be present at such meeting. Provided always, that no Member of the said Common-council, having served in the office of President of the said Corporation, or of Chairman of the Common-council of the said Corporation, shall be capable of being or of serving as President or Chairman at any meeting of the said Corporation, or of the Common-council of the said Corporation, next and immediately ensuing that in which he or served as President of the said Corporation, or chairman of the Common-council of the said Corporation respectively, unless it shall so happen, that at any such meeting of the said Corporation there shall not be any other Member of the said Common-council present. And Our Will and Pleasure is, that at all and every the meetings of the said Corporation, or of the Common-council of the said Corporation the President or Chairman for the time being shall have a voice, and shall vote and act as a Member of the said Corporation, or of the Common-council of the said Corporation, at such meeting; and in case of any equality of votes, the said President or Chairman for the time being shall have and exercise a casting-vote. And our further will and Pleasure is, that no President of the said Corporation, or Chairman of the Common-council of the said Corporation, or Member of the said Common-council or Corporation, by Us by these presents appointed, or hereafter from time to time to be elected or appointed in manner as aforesaid, shall have, take or receive, directly or indirectly, any salary, fee, perquisite, benefit or profit whatsoever, for or by reason of his or their serving the said Corporation, or Common-council of the said Corporation, as President, Chairman, or Common-council-man, or as being a Member of the said Corporation. And our Will and Pleasure is, that the said herein before appointed President, Chairman and Common-councilmen, before he and they act respectively as such, shall severally take an oath for the faithful and due execution of their trust, to be administered to the President by the Chief Baron of Our Court of Exchequer for the time being, and by the President of the said Corporation to the rest of the Common-council, who are

hereby authorized severally and respectively to administer the same. And our Will and Pleasure is, that all and every person and persons who shall have in his or their own name or names, or in the name or names of any person or persons in trust for him or them, or for his or their benefit, any office, place or employment of profit under the said Corporation, shall be incapable of being elected a Member of the said Corporation: And if any Member of the said Corporation, during such time as he shall continue a Member thereof, shall in his own name, or in the name of any person or persons in trust for him, or for his benefit, have, hold, exercise, accept, possess or enjoy any office, place or employment of profit under the Common-council of the said Corporation, such Member shall from the time of such having, holding, exercising, accepting, possessing and enjoying such office, place or employment of profit, cease to be a Member of the said Corporation. And We do for Us, Our heirs and successors, grant unto the said Corporation, and their Successors, that they, and their successors, or the major part of such of them as shall be present at any meeting of the said Corporation, convened and assembled for that purpose, by proper and convenient notice thereof, shall have power from time to time, and at all times hereafter, to authorize and appoint such persons as they shall think fit, to take subscriptions, and to gather and collect such moneys as shall be by any person or persons contributed for the purposes aforesaid, and shall and may revoke and make void such authorities and appointments as often as they shall see cause so to do. And we do hereby for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, ordain and direct, that the said Corporation shall every year lay an account in writing before the Chancellor, or Keeper, or Commissioners for the Custody of the great Seal of Great Britain, of Us, Our Heirs and Successors, the Chief Justice of the Court of King's Bench, the Master of the Rolls, the Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas, and the Chief Baron of the Exchequer, of Us, Our Heirs and Successors, for the time being, or any two of them, of all monies or effects by them received or expended, for the carrying on the good purposes aforesaid. And We do hereby for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, give and grant unto the said Corporation, and their Successors, full power and authority to constitute, ordain and make such and so many by-laws, constitutions, orders and ordinances, as to them, or the greater part of them, at their general meeting for that purpose, shall seem meet, necessary and convenient for the well-ordering and governing of the said Corporation; and the said by-laws, constitutions, orders and ordinances, or any of them, to alter and annul, as they, or the major part of them then present shall see requisite; and in and by such by-laws, rules, orders and ordinances, to set, impose and inflict reasonable pains and penalties upon any offender or offenders who shall transgress, break or violate the said by-laws, constitutions, orders and ordinances, so made as aforesaid, and to mitigate the same, as they or the major part of them then present shall find cause; which said pains and penalties shall and may be levied, sued for, taken, and retained and recovered.

vered by the said Corporation, and their Successors, or by their officers and servants, from time to time to be appointed for that purpose, by action of debt, or by any other lawful ways and means, to the use and behoof of the said Corporation, and their Successors; all and singular which by-laws, constitutions, orders and ordinances so as aforesaid to be made, We will shall be duly observed and kept, under the pains and penalties therein to be contained; so always as the said by-laws, constitutions, orders and ordinances, pains and penalties from time to time to be made and imposed, be reasonable, and not contrary or repugnant to the laws and statutes of this Our realm; and that such by-laws, constitutions and ordinances, pains and penalties from time to time to be made and imposed, and any repeal or alteration thereof, or of any of them, be likewise agreed to, be established and confirmed by the General Meeting of the said Corporation, to be held and kept next after the same shall be respectively made. And whereas the said Corporation intend to settle a colony, and to make an habitation and plantation in that part of Our province of South Carolina in America herein after described: Know ye therefore, that We greatly desiring the happy success of the said Corporation, for their further encouragement in accomplishing so excellent a work, have of Our especial grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion, given and granted, and by these presents, for Us, Our heirs and successors, do give and grant, to the said Corporation, and their successors, under the reservations, limitations and declarations hereafter expressed, seven undivided parts (the whole into eight equal parts to be divided) of all those lands, countries and territories, situate, lying and being in that part of South Carolina in America which lies from the Northern stream of a river there commonly called the Savannah, all along the sea coast to the Southward unto the most Southern stream of a certain other great water or river called the Alatomacha, and Westward from the heads of the said rivers respectively in direct lines to the South Seas, and all that space, circuit and precinct of land lying within the said boundaries, with the islands in the sea, lying opposite to the Eastern coast of the said islands, within twenty leagues of the same, which are not already inhabited, or settled by any authority derived from the crown of Great Britain, together with all the soils, grounds, havens, ports, gulphs and bays, mines, as well as royal mines of gold and silver, as other minerals, precious stones, quarries, woods, rivers, waters, fishings, as well royal fishings of whale and sturgeon as other fishings, pearls, commodities, jurisdictions, royalties, franchises, privileges and pre-eminencies, within the said territories, and the precincts thereof, and thereunto in any sort belonging or appertaining, and which We by Our Letters Patent may or can grant, and in as ample manner and sort as We, or any of Our royal progenitors, have hitherto granted to any company, body politic or corporate, or to any adventurer or adventurers, undertaker or undertakers of any discoveries, plantations or traffic of, in or into any foreign parts whatsoever, and in as large and ample manner as if the same were herein particularly

mentioned and expressed; to have, hold, possess and enjoy the said seven undivided parts (the whole into eight equal parts to be divided as aforesaid) of all and singular the said lands, countries and territories, with all and singular other the premises herein before by these presents granted or mentioned, or intended to be granted, to them the said Corporation, and their successors for ever, for the better support of the said colony; to be holden of Us, Our heirs and successors, as of Our Manor of Hampton-Court, in Our county of Middlesex, in fee and common soccage, and not *in capite*; yielding and paying therefore to Us, Our heirs and successors, yearly for ever, the sum of four shillings for ever hundred acres of the said lands which the said Corporation shall grant, demise, plant or settle, the said payment not to commence, or be made, until ten years after such grant, demise, planting or settling, and to be answered and paid to Us, Our heirs and successors, in such manner, and in such species of money or notes as shall be current in payment by proclamation, from time to time, in Our said province of South Carolina; all which lands, countries, territories and premises hereby granted or mentioned, or intended to be granted, We do by these presents make, erect and create one independent and seperate province, by the name of Georgia; by which name We will the same henceforth to be called, and that all and every person and persons who shall at any time hereafter inhabit or reside within Our said province, shall be and are hereby declared to be free, and shall not be subject to, or be bound to obey, any laws, orders, statutes or constitutions which have been heretofore made, ordered, or enacted, or which hereafter shall be made, ordered, or enacted, by, for, or as the laws, orders, statutes or constitutions by Our said province of South Carolina (save and except only the command in chief of the militia of our said province of Georgia to Our Governor for the time being of South Carolina, in manner herein after declared); but shall be subject to and bound to obey such laws, orders, statutes and constitutions, as shall from time to time be made, ordered and enacted for the better government of the said province of Georgia, in the manner herein after directed. And we do hereby for Us, our heirs and successors, ordain, will, and establish, that for and during the term of one-and-twenty years, to commence from the date of these Our Letters Patent, the said Corporation assembled for that purpose shall and may form and prepare laws, statutes and ordinances, fit and necessary for and concerning the government of the said colony, and not repugnant to the laws and statutes of England; and the same shall and may present under their Common Seal to Us, Our heirs and successors, in Our or their Privy Council, for Our or their approbation or disallowance; and the said laws, statutes and ordinances, being approved by Us, Our heirs and successors, in Our or their Privy Council, shall from thenceforth be in full force and virtue within Our said province of Georgia. And forasmuch as the good and prosperous success of the said colony cannot but chiefly depend, next under the blessing of God, and the support of our royal authority, upon the provident and good direction of

of the whole enterprise, and that it will be too great a burthen upon all the members of the said corporation to be convened so often as may be requisite to hold meetings for the settling, supporting, ordering and maintaining such colony; therefore We do will, ordain and establish, that the said Common-council for the time being of the said corporation, being assembled for that purpose, or the major part of them, shall from time to time, and at all times hereafter, have full power and authority to dispose of, expend and apply all the monies and effects belonging to the said corporation, in such manner and ways, and in such expences as they shall think best to conduce to the carrying on and effecting the good purposes herein mentioned and intended; and also shall have full power in the name and on the account of the said corporation; and with and under their Common Seal, to enter into any covenants and contracts for carrying on and effecting the purposes aforesaid. And Our further will and pleasure is, that the said Common-council for the time being, or the major part of such of the said Common-council, which shall be present and assembled for that purpose, from time to time, and at all times hereafter, shall and may nominate, constitute and appoint a Treasurer or Treasurers, Secretary or Secretaries, and such other officers, ministers and servants of the said corporation, as to them, or the major part of such of them as shall be present, shall seem proper or requisite for the good management of their affairs, and at their will and pleasure to displace, remove, and put out such Treasurer or Treasurers, Secretary or Secretaries, and all such other officers, ministers or servants, as often as they shall think fit so to do, and others in the room, office, place or stead of him or them so displaced, removed or put out, to nominate, constitute and appoint; and shall and may determine and appoint such reasonable salaries, perquisites, or other rewards for the labour or service of such officers, servants and persons, as to the said Common-council shall seem meet; and all such officers shall, before they act in their respective offices, take an oath, to be to them administered by the Chairman for the time being of the said Common-council of the said corporation, who is hereby authorized to administer the same, for the faithful and due execution of their respective offices and places. And Our will and pleasure is, that all and every person and persons, who shall from time to time be chosen or appointed Treasurer or Treasurers, Secretary or Secretaries of the said corporation, in manner herein before directed, shall during such time as they shall serve in the said offices respectively, be incapable of being a member of the said corporation. And We do further, of Our special grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion, for Us, our heirs and successors, grant by these presents to the said corporation, and their successors, that it shall be lawful for them, and their officers or agents, at all times hereafter, to transport and convey out of Our realm of Great-Britain, or any other Our dominions, into the said province of Georgia, to be there settled, all such and so many of Our loving Subjects, or any foreigners that are willing to become Our subjects, and live under Our allegiance in the

said colony, as shall willingly go to inhabit and reside there, with sufficient shipping, armour, weapons, ordnance, munition, powder, shot, victuals, and such merchandize or wares as are esteemed by the wild people in those parts, cloathing, implements, furniture, cattle, horses, mares, and all other things necessary for the said colony, and for their use and defence, and trade with the people there, and in passing and returning to and from the same. Also We do for Us, Our heirs and successors, declare by these presents, that all and every the persons, which shall happen to be born within the said province, and every of their children and posterity, shall have and enjoy all liberties, franchises and immunities of free denizens, and natural-born subjects, within any of Our dominions, to all intents and purposes, as if they had been abiding and born within this Our kingdom of Great-Britain, or any other of Our dominions. And for the greater ease and encouragement of Our loving Subjects, and such others as shall come to inhabit in Our said colony, We do by these presents, for Us, Our heirs and Successors, grant, establish and ordain, that for ever hereafter there shall be a liberty of conscience allowed in the worship of God, to all persons inhabiting, or which shall inhabit or be resident within Our said province; and that all such persons (except Papists) shall have a free exercise of their religion, so they be contented with the quiet and peaceable enjoyment of the same, not giving offence or scandal to the government. And Our further Will and Pleasure is, and We do hereby for Us, Our heirs and successors, declare and grant, that it shall and may be lawful for the said Common-council, or the major part of them assembled for that purpose, in the name of the corporation, and under their common seal, to distribute, convey, assign and set over such particular portions of the lands, tenements and hereditaments, by these presents granted to the said corporation, unto such of Our loving subjects, natural-born or denizens, or others that shall be willing to become Our subjects, and live under Our allegiance in the said colony, upon such terms, and for such estates, and upon such rents, reservations and conditions, as the same may lawfully be granted, and as to the said Common-council, or the major part of them so present, shall seem fit and proper. Provided always, that no grant shall be made of any part of the said lands unto any person, being a member of the said corporation, or to any other person in trust for, or for the benefit of any member of the said corporation; and that no person having any estate or interest in law or equity in any part of the said lands, shall be capable of being a member of the said corporation, during the continuance of such estate or interest. Provided also, that no greater quantity of the said land be granted either entirely, or in parcels, to, or to the use of, or in trust for, any one person, than five hundred acres; and that all grants made contrary to the true intent and meaning hereof shall be absolutely null and void. And We do hereby grant and ordain, that such person and persons for the time being as shall be thereunto appointed by the said corporation, shall and may at all times,

times, and from time to time hereafter, have full power and authority to administer and give the oaths appointed by an act of parliament made in the first year of the reign of Our late royal Father, to be taken instead of the oaths of allegiance and supremacy, and also the oath of abjuration, to all and every person and persons which shall at any time be inhabiting or residing within Our said colony, and in like cases to administer the solemn affirmation to any of the persons commonly called Quakers, in such manner as by the laws of our realm of Great Britain the same may be administered. And We do of Our further grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion, grant, establish and ordain, for Us, Our heirs and successors, that the said corporation, and their successors, shall have full power and authority, for and during the term of one and twenty years, to commence from the date of these Our Letters Patent, to erect and constitute Judicatures and Courts of record, or other Courts, to be held in the name of Us, Our heirs and successors, for the hearing and determining of all manner of crimes, offences, pleas, processes, plaints, actions, matters, causes and things whatsoever, arising or happening within the said province of Georgia, or between persons inhabiting or residing there, whether the same be criminal or civil, and whether the said crimes be capital or not capital, and whether the said pleas be real, personal or mixed, and for awarding and making out executions thereupon, to which courts and judicatures We do hereby for Us, Our heirs and successors, give and grant full power and authority from time to time to administer oaths for the discovery of truth in any matters in controversy, or depending before them, or the solemn affirmation to any of the persons commonly called Quakers, in such manner as by the laws of Our realm of Great Britain the same may be administered. And Our further Will and Pleasure is, that the said corporation, and their successors, do from time to time, and at all times hereafter, register or cause to be registered all such leases, grants, plantings, conveyances, settlements and improvements whatsoever, as shall at any time hereafter be made by or in the name of the said corporation, of any lands, tenements or hereditaments within the said province, and shall yearly send or transmit, or cause to be sent or transmitted, authentic accounts of such leases, grants, conveyances, settlements and improvements respectively, unto the auditor of the plantations for the time being, or his deputy, and also to Our surveyor for the time being of Our said province of South Carolina; to whom We do hereby grant full power and authority, from time to time, as often as need shall require, to inspect and survey such of the said lands and premises, as shall be demised, granted and settled as aforesaid; which said survey and inspection We do hereby declare to be intended to ascertain the quit-rents which shall from time to time become due to Us, Our heirs and successors, according to the reservation herein before-mentioned, and for no other purpose whatsoever; hereby for Us, Our heirs and successors, strictly injoining and commanding, that neither Our or their surveyor, or any person whatsoever, under the pretext and colour of

making the said survey or inspection, shall take, demand or receive any gratuity, fee or reward, of or from any person or persons inhabiting in the said colony, or from the said Corporation or Common-council thereof, on the pain of forfeiture of their office or offices and incurring Our highest displeasure. Provided always, and Our further will and pleasure is, that all leases, grants and conveyances to be made by or in the name of the said Corporation, of any lands within the said province, or a memorial containing the substance and effect thereof, shall be registered with the auditor of the plantations of Us, Our heirs or successors, within the space of one year to be computed from the date thereof; otherwise the same shall be void. And Our further will and pleasure is, that the rents, issues, and all other profits, which shall at any time hereafter come to the said Corporation, issuing or arising out of or from the said province, or out of or from any part or parcel of the same, shall from time to time, and at all times hereafter, be laid out and applied in such expences, and in such manner, as the said Common-council of the said Corporation, or the major part of such of them as shall be present at any meeting for that purpose assembled, shall think will most improve and enlarge the said colony, and best answer the good purposes herein before-mentioned, and for defraying all other charges about the same. And Our will and pleasure is, that the said Corporation, and their successors, shall from time to time give unto one of the principal Secretaries of State, and to the Commissioners of Trade and Plantations, accounts of the progress of the said colony. And Our will and pleasure is, that no act done at any meeting of the said Common-council of the said Corporation shall be effectual and valid, unless eight members at least of the said Common-council, including the member who shall serve as chairman at the said meeting, be present, and the major part of them consenting thereunto. And Our will and pleasure is, that the Common-council of the said Corporation for the time being, or the major part of them who shall be present, being assembled for that purpose, shall from time to time, for, during and until the full end and expiration of twenty-one years, to commence from the date of these Our Letters Patent, have full power and authority to nominate, make, constitute, commission, ordain and appoint, by such name or names, style or styles, as to them shall seem meet and fitting, all and singular such Governors, Judges, Magistrates, Ministers and Officers, civil and military, both by sea and land, within the said district, as shall by them be thought fit and needful to be made or used for the government of the said colony (save always and except such officers only as shall by Us, Our heirs and successors, be from time to time constituted and appointed for the managing, collecting and receiving such revenues as shall from time to time arise within the said province of Georgia, and become due to Us, Our heirs and successors) provided always, and it is Our will and pleasure, that every Governor of the said province of Georgia, to be appointed by the Common-council of the said Corporation, before he shall enter upon or execute the said office of Governor, shall be approved by Us, Our heirs

heirs or successors, and shall take such oaths, and shall qualify himself in such manner, in all respects, as any Governor or Commander in chief of any of Our colonies or plantations in America are by law required to do; and shall give good and sufficient security for observing the several acts of parliament relating to trade and navigation, and to observe and obey all instructions that shall be sent to him by Us, Our heirs and successors, or any acting under Our or their authority, pursuant to the said act, or any acting under Our or their authority, pursuant to the said acts, or any of them. And we do by these presents for Us, Our heirs or successors, will, grant, and ordain, that the said Corporation, and their successors, shall have full power, for and during and until the full end and term of one-and-twenty years, to commence from the date of these Our Letters Patents, by any commander or other officer or officers, by them for that purpose from time to time appointed, to train, instruct, exercise and govern a militia for the special defence and safety of Our said colony, to assemble in martial array, and put in warlike posture, the inhabitants of the said colony, and to lead and conduct them, and with them to encounter, expulse, repel, resist and pursue, by force of arms, as well by sea as by land, within or without the limits of our said colony, and also to kill, slay, destroy and conquer, by all fitting ways, enterprizes and means whatsoever, all and every such person and persons as shall at any time hereafter, in an hostile manner, attempt or enterprize the destruction, invasion, detriment or annoyance of Our said colony; and to use and exercise the law martial in time of actual war, invasion or rebellion, in such cases where by the law the same may be used or exercised; and also from time to time to erect forts, and fortify any place or places within our said colony, and the same to furnish with all necessary ammunition, provision and stores of war for offence and defence; and to commit from time to time the custody and government of the same to such person or persons as to them shall seem meet; and the said forts and fortifications to demolish at their pleasure; and to take and surprise, by all ways and means whatsoever, all and every such person or persons, with their ships, arms, ammunition, and other goods, as shall in an hostile manner invade, or attempt the invading, conquering, or annoying of Our said colony. And Our will and pleasure is, and We do hereby, for Us, Our heirs and successors, declare and grant, that the Governor or commander

in chief of the province of South-Carolina, of Us, Our heirs and successors, for the time being, shall at all times hereafter have the chief command of the militia of Our said province hereby erected and established, and that such militia shall observe and obey all orders and directions that shall from time to time be given or sent to them by the said Governor or commander in chief; any thing in these presents before contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. And of Our especial grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion, We have given and granted, and by these presents, for Us, Our heirs and successors, do give and grant, unto the said corporation, and their successors, full power and authority to import and export their goods, at and from any port or ports that shall be appointed by Us, Our heirs or successors, within the said province of Georgia, for that purpose, without being obliged to touch at any other port in Carolina. And We do by these presents, for Us, Our heirs and successors, will and declare, that from and after the determination of the said term of one and twenty years, such form of government, and method of making laws, statutes and ordinances, for the better governing and ordering the said province of Georgia, and the inhabitants thereof, shall be established and observed within the same, as We, Our heirs or successors, shall hereafter ordain and appoint, and shall be agreeable to law; and that from and after the determination of the said term of one and twenty years, the Governor of Our said province of Georgia, and all officers, civil and military, within the same, shall from time to time be nominated, constituted and appointed by Us, Our heirs and successors. And lastly, We do hereby, for Us, Our heirs and successors, grant unto the said corporation, and their successors, that these Our Letters Patents, or the enrolment or exemplification thereof, shall be in and by all things good, firm, valid, sufficient and effectual in the law, according to the true intent and meaning thereof, and shall be taken, construed and adjudged in all Our Courts, and elsewhere, in the most favourable and beneficial sense, and for the best advantage of the said corporation, and their successors; any omission, imperfection, defect, matter, cause or thing whatsoever, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding. In witness whereof, We have caused these Our letters to be made patents. Witness Ourself at Westminster, the ninth day of June, in the fifth year of Our reign.

By writ of Privy Seal.

Signed

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